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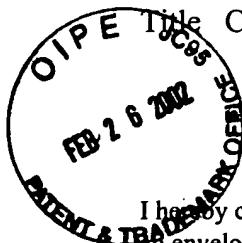
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Centralized Control and Management System for Automobiles

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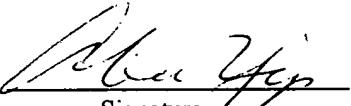
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**THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section II, applicant makes this Petition to Make Special. Applicant is aware of apparent infringement by Lexus (a division of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.) of the claimed invention in the present application. Applicant encountered the infringing system and method incorporated in a Lexus vehicle model LS 430 in an auto show in October 2001, but believes that they have been actually on the market or in use previously. Applicant subsequently contacted Attorney Yip who is the patent attorney on this case, and provided him with relevant parts of a 2001 Lexus Navigation System Owner's Manual

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for vehicle model LS 430 (the "Manual") to ascertain the infringement in question.

As shown by the attached Declaration of Yip, Attorney Yip has compared the relevant Lexus audio system and method described in the Manual with the system and method claims in the application, and holds the opinion that certain claims of the application are infringed. A thorough search of the art has been made by the Examiner in the parent application of which this case is a Rule 60 continuation. Attorney Yip holds the belief that all of the claims in the application are allowable based on a careful review of the uncovered art in the parent application, and the fact that the analogous claims in the parent application were allowed and issued as claims 21-26 and 40-45 in U.S. Patent No. 6,275,231.

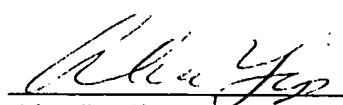
Applicant seeks to license or otherwise dispose of the apparent infringement.

The required fee of \$130 is submitted herewith. Any additional charges may be made against Kaye Scholer LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0988.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Obradovich

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Attachment: Declaration of Yip